

Here I must close this communication, as all the principal subjects of State interest proper to be presented, are embraced. But the question of slavery, or rather the questions connected with it, have of late assumed such importance, as to demand my notice and some consideration at your hands. This institution, in my opinion, belongs exclusively to the States, where it exists, and neither the General Government, nor the other States of the Union, have any right to interfere with it, directly or indirectly.-- And if such right did exist, the subject is of too delicate and agitating a character to justify its exercise. I also deny the power, claimed by many, in the General Government, to exclude slavery from the new territories where it does not exist. That power is at least questionable, and it will be time enough to yield its existence when it is settled by the graver tribunals of the country. In short, it seems to me that slavery in any aspect of it, does not properly admit of legislation by Congress, either to determine where it shall or shall not go, or to

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